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DATES

June 10, 11, 13, Ordination.
 July 22p-31a, Theologians' retreat.
 Aug. 6p-15a, Juniors' retreat.
 Both retreats to be given by Fr.
 Tourigny of Mt. St. Michael's.

EPISCOPAL SILVER JUBILEE

On the occasion of the Holy Father's Episcopal Silver Jubilee the American Assisntancy prsented hmi with a gift of \$25,000. The Apostolic Delegate at Washington, under date of May 5, 1942, wrote as follows to V. Rev. Fr. Zacheus J. Maher.

Very Reverend and dear Father:

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your esteemed letter of May 4th, with the enclosed check for the Jubilee of His Holiness. I need not assure you that it will be a genuine pleasure for me to forward this munificent offering to the Holy Father as promptly as possible as an expression of filial love and devotion from the American Provinces of the Society of Jesus. This splendid manifestation of attachment for the person of the Vicar of Christ is characteristic of the traditional devotedness of the Society of Jesus to the Holy See and will undoubtedly bring upon you the choicest blessings of divine favor.

While awaiting the time when it will be possible to convey to you an expression of gratitude from His Holiness himself, I am happy to make myself the interpreter of the profound appreciation of the Holy Father. I assure you that I shall be happy to obtain as soon as may be possible the special blessing of His Holiness which you request so devotedly for all the Jesuits of the American Provinces.

With sentiments of esteem, and with every best wish I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A. G. CICOGNANI
 Archbishop of Laodicea
 Apostolic Delegate.

(N. B. This letter is not to be republished.)

ALMA

Zone 25, called "Alma" and including all teritry south of Los Gatos to the Santa Cruz county line, and from Big Basin road on the west to Loma Prieta on the east, has four officials for general supervision: Mr. H. Weeden, zone warden; Mr. Robinson, S.J., chief air raid warden; Miss K. Cooke, chief first aid warden; Mr. O'Toole, S.J., chief fire warden.

In this zone, our precinct (Alma College-Montezuma School) is the most heavily staffed. Officials are: Mr. Robinson, S.J., precinct captain; Mr. Rogers of Montezuma School, junior precinct captain; Mr. French, S.J., senior air raid warden; Mr. Wechbach, S.J., Br. Sebastia, S.J., of the Novitiate, and two Montezuma people, subordinate air raid wardens; two theologians, Br. McNamara, S.J., of the Novitiate, and three Montezuma people, first aid wardens; two theologians, Br. Moreno, S.J., of the Novitiate, and one Montezuma man, fire watchers; eight theologians, rescue squad ;seven theologians, auxiliary firemen.

Mr. Robinson's course in Civilian Defense Basic Training, required of all defense workers, has been completed by a few of Ours and a group of local residents. Messrs. Robinson, O'Toole, and Brady are receiving instruction in forest fire control from one of the local rangers.

On completion of First Aid courses, 133 Standard Certificates were issued at Alma College, 95 at the Novitiate, 30 in the town of Alma.

Visitors: Major General Robt. C. Richardson, Commanding Officer of the Army's 7th Corps Area; Fr. Ortiz, S.J., and a Filipino medical officer, both attached to the suite of President Quezon; Naval Chaplains Fr. Babb, S.J. (N. O. Prov.), and Fr. Burke (Fort Wayne dioc.), who made their retreat at Alma; Army Chaplains, Fr. Jas. McGuigan, S.J., and Fr. Sullivan, O.P.; Fr. Gabriel Menager, S.J.

Fr. John Dalgity was ordained May 1 at Mt. St. Michael's by Bishop White.

When he returned to Alma a program was held in his honor.

Messrs. Robinson and O'Toole answered an emergency call and rushed a child suffering from a nasal hemorrhage to the hospital. The case might otherwise have been fatal.

A minor crisis occurred with the sudden and simultaneous departure of two cooks. Very fortunately other cooks were secured.

Prof. Rogers of Montezuma quotes an army officer to the effect that Fr. Richard's forecasting methods are now used by the army on Mt. Hamilton.

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY

May 24. University's seventy-seventh annual commencement. Auxiliary Bishop Joseph T. McGucken conferred degrees on 75 seniors.

The Sacred Heart Radio Program, a local of which is directed by Fr. Spearman, numbers an estimated audience of 7,500,000 listeners, according to a report of Charles E. Harrison, president of the St. Louis Technisonic Laboratories. He predicts that the number will be trebled in the next six months.

Fr. Vaughan has been chosen to arbitrate a labor dispute between the nation-wide Mode O'Day Clothing Company and its workers.

May 5. Dr. Howard F. Wilkins of the class of '36 received the highest grade in the southland divisional examination for state medical licenses.

May 6. Seniors from St. Monica, Mt. Carmel, and Cathedral High Schools were guests of the University.

May 7. Four students, Charles Kerrigan, Clark Lauder, Charles Coover, and John Baker, were received into the Church by Fr. Kern. They made their First Communion at the University the following morning.

May 15. Thomas Hinds, senior, was defendant in the annual Philosophic Disputation. Student objectors were Commodore Combs and Lawrence Fleming.

May 17. The University Band held its yearly concert in the sunken gardens at the University.

May 19. The Aquinas Circle, philosophy seminar directed by Fr. McGloin, held its final meeting and first annual banquet.

A Community Dance will be held in the University Auditorium to supply funds for an air-raid siren and first-aid equipment for the surrounding district.

LOYOLA HIGH

Jun. 10. Close of school. Jun. 14. Graduation at Blessed Sacrament.

May 21-23. Senior retreat given by Fr. Daze.

Three pictures of Loyola Sodalists appeared this semester in "Queen's Work." Loyola High student was elected President of Sodality Union of Southern California.

Loyola teams won five Catholic Championships of Southern California: Football, Basketball, Baseball, Track, Tennis. Golf team is undefeated.

Each class took a day in decorating the May Shrine. The flowers were more plentiful and more beautiful than ever.

A "Pep Week" preceded the annual election of student body officers.

Four different groups use our buildings for First Aid Classes.

Scholastics helped in the registering for Sugar Rations and in the last two draft registrations.

Loyola Band played for employees of Northrop Airplane Factory, also at the Archdiocesan Holy Name Breakfast, and at the May Devotions of the Archdiocesan Sodalities.

Father Madden gave the Holy Name Sisters a retreat at Warm Springs.

Messrs. Doyle and O'Gara helped conduct the convention of Grammar School Sodalities of the Archdiocese.

Fr. Fennell conducted the annual May celebration of Archdiocesan Sodalities. Msgr. Dolan represented the Archbishop.

The Sodality is holding a paper drive to buy equipment for army chaplains. Pamphlets were sent to Fr. O'Mara.

Fr. Brennan, a former Loyolan, was sent to address our classes on the Vocation of a Secular Priest. He spent an entire day speaking to the classes and interviewing students.

LOS GATOS

Apr. 22. Solemnity of St. Joseph, when the community Mass was celebrated at St. Joseph's Shrine on the hill. Weather was ideal.

May 6. Fr. Rector's feast. The Juniors won the annual Junior-Novice baseball game.

May 10. The Juniors attended Shakespeare's "Henry IV" at Santa Clara. After six weeks' rest, Br. Moreno in greatly improved health is back at work.

Fr. Rector and ten Juniors have contributed to the County Hospital "blood bank." Others will follow.

May 27. Yehudi Menuhin concert at the Novitiate.

Summer Schedule: June 9, end of classes, with two weeks of Majors at villa. June 26-Aug. 5, Summer School. Aug. 6-15, retreat. Then minor vacations for a short space, with classes resuming around Sept. 1.

Fr. Burman and Messrs. John and Joseph Geary will teach in the Juniors' Summer School.

PHOENIX

One Saturday night while the pastor was running the mimeograph, a thief came in the back way and took \$21.00 out of the pastor's room. Fr. Cosgrave coming from confessions, met the man walking out of his clothes closet. He was looking for a priest and needed advice desperately. After a talk he gratefully gave Father a dollar. The pastor saw him go out the front door, and wondered how he got in. A check-up showed a loss of \$20.00.

SAN FRANCISCO

Apr. 25. 210 take the high school scholarship examination.

U.S.F. issued a beautiful program for its Mothers' Day celebration.

The High School has an attractive red-white-and-blue folder to advertise its activities.

Fr. Hauck has been appointed Superior of the Scholastics during Summer School. Fr. Joseph Carroll is Subminister and Assistant Procurator.

A service flag with 700 stars was dedicated and hung in the sacristy of the church.

Leaving San Jose at 9 p. m., the Procurator, caught in a blackout, did not get home until 12:30 a. m.

SANTA BARBARA

The parish has acquired property on the west side for a Center for activities among Spanish speaking people.

So many received Communion on Mothers' Day, it seemed like Easter. Frank Barry of Los Angeles and Judge Mike Griffith of Fresno made inspirational addresses at the breakfast after the 8 o'clock Mass.

Fr. Fox reports 175 of the men in the U. S. service.

Fr. Sheerin spoke at the Senior Public High.

Fr. Stack gave the commencement address at the Academy in Ventura.

Termites held a luncheon in the rectory, a very expensive affair.

SANTA CLARA

Apr. 27. Charter Day was celebrated on the Campus. The unsettled weather

postponed the military review till May 19, when General Richardson inspected the troops and presented awards.

For the Silver Episcopal Jubilee of Pope Pius XII, the sodalists assisted at Mass and received Holy Communion for His Holiness.

May 2. The central district of the Classical Association of the Pacific Coast held its spring meeting in the Lounge Room of the Seifert gymnasium.

"Henry IV" presented by the Clay M. Greene Players was proclaimed an outstanding success.

May 10. Nine junior candidates were initiated into Alpha Sigma Nu, national Jesuit honor society. In April at Detroit, Dr. H. L. Link of Santa Clara was elected national vice president of this organization.

May 11. Fr. Shipsey lectured to the Pegasus Society of San Jose State.

May 19. Under the sponsorship of the Sketch Book Club, creative writing group of the university, an informal symposium on fiction was held in the Adobe Lodge. Guest speakers were Anne Benson Fisher, noted author of best sellers, and Edith Merrieles, authority on the short story and associate professor of English at Stanford University.

May 17. The Jesuit Mothers held their annual picnic on the campus.

May 20. Fr. L. Sullivan conducted a day of recollection for the class of 1942. Sophomore sodalists made a weekend retreat at El Retiro.

June 7. Annual Homecoming Day for Santa Clara alumni.

BELLARMINE

May 16. Fr. Toner arrived and began teaching almost immediately, due to the fact that Mr. Devine, a member of the faculty for 12 years, has been called to duty in the finance department of the Army Air Corps.

May 9. A Sodality Convention, sponsored by Bellarmine Sodalists, was attended by sodalists from the Peninsula schools and from San Francisco. Fr. John Buckley was guest speaker. Mr. Spohn acted as moderator in the absence of Fr. Healy.

Fr. Vincent McCarthy spoke to the student body on the Propagation of the Faith.

Apr. 28-30. Fr. Rice gave the Senior Retreat at El Retiro to 67 seniors.

May 19. Fr. Bourret arrived to familiarize himself with the set-up of the Physics laboratory.

May 16. Scholarship examinations were taken by 85 boys from the Penin-

sula, San Jose, Watsonville, and Gilroy. St. Patrick's, San Jose, won the 4-year scholarship.

May 24. Annual elocution contest, under the sponsorship of Mr. Spohn, was held at Santa Clara.

May 26-27. The Apologetics Contest took place under Mr. Monihan's direction.

May 28. Dads' and Sons' Day celebrated on the campus. Fr. Franchi and Mr. Evart took charge of the barbecue.

After five weeks at St. Mary's Hospital, Fr. Healy is recuperating at El Retiro.

FR. PATRICK H. DEIGNAN

1877 —Jan. 27, b. in Bellamore, Co. Leitrim, Ire., of John Deignan and Anne Meehan.

1895 —Jun. 11, admitted by Fr. H. Imoda to Los Gatos.

1895-97—Novice at Los Gatos.

1897 —Jun. 21, 1st Vows (Fr. Giacobbi).

1897-01—Junior, Los Gatos.

1901-04—Philosophy, Spokane.

1904-05—Teacher, San Francisco.

1905-09—Teacher, Santa Clara.

1909-13—Theology, St. Louis.

1912 —Jun. 27, ordained by Archb. Glennon.

1913-14—Teacher, Santa Clara; had care of Saratoga.

1914-15—Minister, Teacher, Tacoma.

1915-16—Tertian, Poughkeepsie.

1916-17—Oper., Missionary, Portland.

1917-18—Teacher, Seattle.

1918-19—Pf. of Studies, Seattle.

1919-25—Teacher, Seattle.

1925-30—Missionary, Portland.

1930-31—Teacher, Los Angeles.

1931-36—Asst., Bl. Sacrament.

1936-42—Teacher, Santa Clara.

1942 —Apr. 27, d. at Santa Clara.

Fr. Deignan was intellectually a very honest man, very outspoken, and did not use words to hide his thoughts. He was a welcome man in the community, as there was little dullness or sadness, when he was at recreation. In ill health for the last five years, he was never long out of active service, but repeatedly and devotedly returned to his classroom work. After a short illness, the end came quickly.

FR. EDWARD C. MENAGER

1882 —Apr. 7, b. in Nantes, France, of Edouard Menager and Henrietta Le Provost.

1906 —Jul. 7, entered St. Andrew's, Poughkeepsie.

1906-08—Novice, Poughkeepsie.

1908-10—Philosophy, St. Louis.

1910-11—Philosophy, Spokane.

1911-14—Taught Chemistry, S. F.

1914-15—Chemistry to Ours, Spokane.

1915-16—Chem. and Physics, L. A.

1916-19—Theology, Montreal.

1919 —Jun. 21, ordained, St. Louis.

1919-20—4th year at St. Louis.

1920-22—Chemistry, Santa Clara.

1922-23—Tertianship, Paray le Monial.

1923-24—Chemistry, Santa Clara.

1924 —Feb. 2, Last Vows.

1924-25—Chemistry, San Francisco.

1925-26—Proc. at El Retiro.

1926-27—Minister, Yakima.

1927-28—Minister, Seattle College.

1928-29—Chemistry, Santa Clara.

1929-33—Oper. in San Francisco.

1933-35—Proc. in San Francisco.

1935-39—Oper. in San Francisco.

1939-42—Taught in Law School.

1942 —May 13, d. in San Francisco.

Fr. Menager was a lawyer before he left France with his father, Dr. Menager, to escape the persecution of the Catholic Church in 1903. His law studies and his teaching in U. S. F. School of Law, occasioned his selection to translate for Harvard University "The Theory of Institution" from the works of Maurice Hauriou, Georges Renard, J. T. Delos. This work has just been ended, and the "imprimatur" had been received from the San Francisco Chancery Office, when Fr. Menager's death occurred.

On the morning of May 13, he wrote a happy letter to the Provincial and enclosed the official documents from the Chancery Office. At noon he lunched out. Returning home, he felt very unwell from heart trouble and knocked on the wall of his room for help. Fortunately, Fr. Malaise was in, otherwise Fr. Menager might have died unknown to the community. Fr. Malaise called Fr. Rector who anointed Fr. Menager, for he said he was dying. The doctor ordered an ambulance and an oxygen tank, but it was too late. In less than half an hour, Fr. Menager was dead.

He was a very sympathetic man and did much spiritual good. The esteem in which he was held was evidenced by the very large crowd which filled St. Ignatius for the funeral Mass. His brother, Fr. Gabriel Menager, came from Montana and arrived in time to have the comfort of singing his brother's Requiem.

DEATH

May 13, Fr. Edw. Menager, S. Francisco.

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Mr. Chas. Cahill, 3rd yr. phil.